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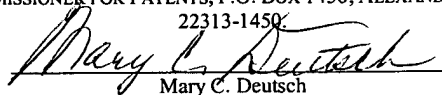
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed March 15, 2006, indicating that the Response filed on March 6, 2006 did not properly identify the status of the claims.

The present Response correctly identifies the status of the claims, and the undersigned apologizes for the oversight. Claims 41-48 were indicated as being withdrawn without the text of the claims being provided in the claim listing. The attached amendment includes the text of claims 41-48 that were previously inadvertently omitted. The remainder of the amendment is a copy of that which was previously submitted on March 06, 2006.

Applicant considers this Response as timely submitted within the shortened statutory reply period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for such additional time period and authorizes the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.